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REMARKS

This paper is responsive to the Final Office Action dated July 20, 2005. Claims 1, 3-26 and 28-38 were examined. Claims 1, 4-23, 28-31, and 33-38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Angle et al. (U.S. Patent 6,771,596 B1) in view of Kilkki et al. (U.S. Patent 6,549,938 B1). Claims 3, 24-26, and 32 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

References Cited

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner cite on a Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) U.S. Patent No. 6,549,938 B1 to Kilkki et al., which was relied on in the Office Action dated July 20, 2005 (hereinafter the "Office Action").

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 3, 24-26, and 32 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 3, 24-26, and 32. Limitations of claims 3, 24, and 32 are incorporated into claims 1, 23, and 31, respectively to put the case in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1, 4-23, 28-31, and 33-38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Angle et al. (U.S. Patent 6,771,596 B1) in view of Kilkki et al. (U.S. Patent 6,549,938 B1). Claims 1, 23, and 31 are amended to incorporate allowable subject matter of claims 3, 24, and 32, respectively, to put the case in condition for allowance. Claims 3, 24, and 32 are canceled.

Claims 8, 21, 35, and 38 are amended to include subject matter indicated as allowable with respect to claims 3, 24-26, and 32.

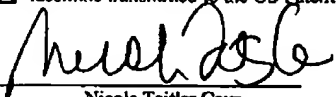
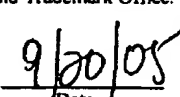
Claims 11, 12, and 20 are amended consistent with amendments to claim 8.

Claim 37 is amended consistent with amendments to claim 35.

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Summary

Claims 1, 4-23, 25, 26, 28-31, 33-38 are in the case. All claims are believed to be allowable over the art of record, and a Notice of Allowance to that effect is respectfully solicited. Nonetheless, if any issues remain that could be more efficiently handled by telephone, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the number listed below.

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